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§1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1648

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Action dated September 26, 2001 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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